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GOSSIP OF THE STREET TEMPER OF STOCK MARKET BEST INDEX OF GROWING STRENGTH

More Significant of Real Conditions, Says Banker, Than Comment of Financial Journals—Gossip of the Street

ONE of the best known bankers in the city said on Monday, when asked his opinion on the outlook, that "more than all the newspapers, more than all the financial magazines and journals, the stock market told the real truth about the outlook for the future." He asked significantly, "Why are the foreign bonds going up in price? Why are the Anglo-French 5s seeking a higher level all the time?"

"Do you mean that some people know something that 'the man in the street has not got hold of yet?" he was asked, and all he would say was, "Draw your own conclusions," and he said it with a smile.

Speaking of the firm condition of the market on Monday, the day before what might be termed the nation's greatest annual holiday, another banker said he did not know whether to attribute conditions to the routing of the spirit of pessimism by the stronger Christmas spirit or to the unquestioned persistence of peace talk everywhere. Everywhere there seemed, to be a feeling that the turn of the year would bring a different feeling than that which had prevailed recently.

Reserve Bank Here Will Not Form Permanent Sales Force

When asked on Monday if the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia had in view any plan to secure a permanent sales force for Government securities, to be connected with the Federal Reserve Bank during the period of the war, similar to that mentioned in New York papers as being recruited by Governor Strong, of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, the officers of the Philadelphia bank said they had no provision for such a purpose; that their duties as to expenditures were pretty clearly defined, and organizing and paying such a force was not one of them, and that up to date their instructions did not include any such proposition.

As to the report that the letter sent out by Governor Strong, of New York, to certain investment houses on the subject also indicated that the New York Federal Reserve Bank would give assistance to bond houses who had placed their men at the disposal of the committees conducting the Liberty Loan campaigns, and who were keeping their sales forces intact at a loss, the officials of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said they could not understand how it could be done

Solution of Pending Railroad Problem

The report from Washington that President Wilson, during the holidays, will appoint a woard of managers to assume the direction of the railroads, with the possibility of the Secretary of the Treasury acting as chairman ex officio, was freely discussed in brokers' offices on Monday. The plan would be such that it would not in any way disturb the present executive and operating organizations of the roads. In some of the offices remarks were freely made that it might not do any harm if some of the executives would be disturbed.

One man, the local representative of one of the largest investment houses in the country, said he had just returned from an out-of-town trip and during his absence he had been talking to a prominent railroad executive who unburdened himself very freely about the 'ack of real practical railroad men at Washington. He said conditions in railroad transportation were indescribable, and that perhaps the worst mess is in the system which is supposed to be the model of America, if not of the

The consensus of opinion among financial men who are most interested in the railroad situation is in favor of Congress leaving to the President and his advisers to determine the extent and the character of the financial aid for the roads which they deem best, and then, without wearisome debate, to immediately adopt their recommendations,

Every one believes that the Administration is fully alive to the pressing needs of the railroads, and that even now plans are ready to be put into execution when Congress says the word.

Britain May Revise Obsolete Coinage System

For centuries Great Britain has resisted all attempts to modernize her coinage and bring it up to a decimal standard such as is now used by all civilized nations.

It would seem at last that while the pound sterling may remain, the shillings, pence and ha pence will have to stand aside for the march of progress.

At one time there was a serious attempt made in England to establish a decimal currency, but it never got further than the two-shilling piece, or florin, which equalled one-tenth of a pound sterling,

But this war has taught Great Britain many things, and among em the need of a revision of her unintelligible currency At a joint meeting recently held in London of the Institute of Bank-

ing. the Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Decimal Association unanimous agreement was secured as to the retention of the pound sterling us the monetary unit and its division into 1000 parts, or mills. The London Statist makes this comment: This is not only a triumph for the friends of the adoption of the

decimal system, but it brings the question within the region where it seems capable of being adapted to practical ends. Already our great banks are opening branches in many of the cities of the various allied countries, and especially France. At the beginning of the war it was found convenient to have branches in Paris on which checks and bills could be drawn for the payment for supplies and for the payment of the troops.

"This system has been gradually extended, and the banks now have branches in very many of the Allied countries and in some neutral countries, while there is a proposal for extending Anglo-Russian banking. "It is evident that every effort should be made to assist in the

reconstruction of British trade and industry after the war, and indeed to any extent possible while the war is still going on. But certainly, when the strife is brought to an end, it is only too evident that it will be renewed in the economic sphere.

To have a coinage that is perfectly unintelligible to all our foreign customers, and no deubt to everybody who has not been trained in British commercial methods, is a great handleap; and the result is that it is not possible for any one unfamiliar with English coinage and English weights and measures to understand what any particular article is going to cost.

A Frenchman may not understand Italian or Spanish, but if he sees a catalogue in Italian he knows the quantities specified and he knows that the lire is equivalent to his own franc, and the same is true of a

Spanish catalogue. "This is one reason why we find it so difficult to push trade in South

Treasury Certificates Advantageous to Corporations

The fact that the United States Treasury certificates of indebtedness may be classed under the heading of "invested capital" for the purpose of calculating and deducting the rate of taxation under the excess profits tax law should recommend them highly to corporations in anticipation of the heavy payment of taxes next June. As a short-time investment for both corporations and business men they are recommended by

They bear 4 per cent interest and their purchase by business men is not only good business, but good patriotism as well.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided to make a second offering of these certificates of indebtedness for the purpose of avoiding an undue financial strain when tax payments come due next June, and his action deserves the attention and support of every corporation official and of business men generally.

The following letter, bearing on the subject of these certificates of indebtedness, has just been sent out by Governor C. J. Rhoads, of the Philadelphia l'ederal Reserve Bank:
"We'beg to call your attention to our circular sent you under date

of December 18, offering for subscription United States Treasury certifi cates of indebtedness dated January 2, 1918, and due June 25, 1918, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. These certificates are ffered by the Secretary of the Treasury in the expectation that they will be purchased by the taxpayers, both small and large, who wish to provide for the payment of their Federal taxes, which are due in June, 1918,

"By investing in these certificates taxpapers secure for themselves a good rate of interest, provide the Government with funds which are led at this time, and distribute the strain on the money market speeded at this time, and the Kederal taxes are paid in during one calendar We, therefore, urge you to bring these certificates to the atten-your depositors, both corporation and individual, who may wish are for the payment of any Pederal taxes."

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

wing are the quotations (car lots, ort elevater, Government atandard inni, standard prices); Red. No. 1, \$2.27,
2, \$2.24; soft No. 1, \$2.25; do. No.
2, Minimum prices; Red. No. 3, \$2.21;
4, \$2.18; do. No. 5, \$2.15; sample \$2.04; 2, 12; do.
22.14; do. No. 5, \$2.13; sample \$2.04; 2, 12; do.
22.14; do. No. 5, \$2.13; sample \$2.04; 2, 12; do.
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ft rod. \$2.17.

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by each sample basis of this class and subclass.

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as to learning—Western No. 2, No. 3, No.
4 and No. 5 vellow, nominal.
OATS—Recripts, 42,857 bush. Offerings
of spot wore light and the market ruled firm.
Quotationes: No. 2 white 908,90% cr standart, white, ship stance; No. 3 white, 89g

FLOURS—Recripts, 400 bush, and 2,031,
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REFINED SUGARS

Supplies were small and the market ruled eats on a basis of a 648.35c for extra

DAIRY P'ODUCTS

BUTTER ruled firm under light offerings and a fair demand. We under Schlieben packed creamers, extra fire; insher sorting good, 51952c; extra firsts, 48940c; firsts, 48940c; firsts, 41940c; creamers held, 480c; creamers held, 460c; creamers, 41940c; creamers, 61940c; creamers, 41940c; creamers, 41940c; creamers, 41940c; special brands of prints Joseph at 559857c. tra. 51% Me. Brats. 47% 4h; seconds. 12% 4d; special brands of prints joising at 5d; special brands of prints joising at EGG.—Fine fresh edge were secret and fine, with demand edge were secret. The second of the second second of the second second

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LIVE—Demand was only moderate, but prices were fairly held on choice stock, Quotations Fowle, as to quality, 238,25c; roosters, 15c; spring chickens, according to quality, 236,25c; do. Lidden, 226,25c; do. Lidd

FRESH FRUITS

Choice stock sold fairly and values sen-erally were well sustained as follows: Apples, per bil.—Jonatian, 1599.50 King, 1495.75; Northern Spy, 33.5097.50; Twenty-comes, \$1 95.75; Hubbardston, 18.5097. stally were well sustained as follows: Apples per bbl.—Jonatian, 1578.50 King, 14%5.75 Northern Spy, 13.50%5.50; Twenty-curse, 24%5.75; Muthern Spy, 13.50%5.50; Twenty-curse, 24%5.75; Hubbardston, 25.50%5.50; Twenty-curse, 14%5.75; Hack Twit, 13.50%5.25; Rome Heavity, 13.50%5.50; Harman Winesap, 14%5.75; Hiack Twit, 13.00%5.75; Faragon, 14%5.25; Gano, 1324.50; Vork Imperial, 13.50%4.75; Ben Dawis, 13.04%2.5; apples, western, per box—Jonathan, 11.50%2.25; Winter Banana, 11.75%3.5; Spitzenjeer, 11.75%2.50; Rome Seauty, 11.50%2.25; Delicious, 11.75%2.50; King, 11.50%2.50; Orales, 11.50%2.50; Pearmain, 11.75%2.50; Newtown Pippin, 11.50%2.50; Stayman, Winesap, 11.50%2.25; Pearmain, 11.75%2.50; Orales, 11.50%2.75; Pearmain, 11.75%2.50; Orales, 11.50%2.75; Pearmain, 11.75%2.50; Orales, 11.75%2.50; orales, 11.75%2.50; orales, California, per box, 12%5.50; orales, California, per box, 12%5.50; orales, California, per box, 12%5.50; orales, Florida, per box, 12%6.87; per crate, 13.55%4.75; prapes, California, Emperor, per drum, 15%4; cranberries, Jersey, per crate, 13.55%4.50; cranberries, Jersey, per crate, 13.55%4

VEGETABLES

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Demand was fair and prices generally ruled steady. Quotations: White pointers. Just of the pointers of the prices of the pointers. The prices of the prices of

CLOSING LIVE STOCK PRICES

CHICAGO. Dec. 28.—HOGS—Active to 10c higher than Monday's average. Becreips andny 29,000 head; satimated tomortion of the satimated the satimated to 10c higher, 114,40.

SHEEL-Receipts 15,000 head. Market steady, 212,10. Lambs, \$16,40.

KANSAS CITY, Der. 26.—CATTLE-Recipis, \$000 head; no Texas. Market strong.

DRIVEN OUT BY FLAMES

LOTTANO COME LEONI tion of Long Island Shore Gli Italiani Combattono con

una Temperatura Sotto Zero Ostacolando l'Invasore

TEUTONI AFFAMATI

ROMA, 26 dicembre. La lotta si avolge terribile sulle lines delle montagne il fronte nordico italiano, con una temperatura sotto gero. Nonostante tali condizioni atmosferiche gil italiani con indomito valore ono riusciti a riguadagnare terreno che avevano precedentemente abbandonato

alcune batterie e mitragliatrici

del giorno precedente.

Berlino annunzia la cattura di Coi del
Rosso e della adiacenti alturo nonche
di 2000 prig onieri, mentre il comunicato ufficiale di Roma dichiara che il ter reno lascinato allinvasore, durante la giornata di domenica, fu riconquistate riconquistato on il materiale da guerra che era stato abbandonato. Il compattimento si avois accanito sulle linee in ambo i lati del Brenta e sulle montagne.

lasciate nella breve e necessaria ritirata

Il Ministero della Guerra Italiano annunzia che la neve e caduta in vari punti delle Aipi venete, per una altezza da uno a sette ptedi.

Il furioso e subitaneo attacco lanciato visement, the cour

dagli nustro-ung rici nel settore di Monte Valbella diede ad essi un gua-dagno di peco piu di mezzo miglio. Gil straccanti avevano un doppio metivo di perare i loro assalti in detto settore: per spazzare un piccolo saliente oce lince austro-tedesche; 2 per spingere avanti le lince austro-tedesche a comsire un movimento accerchiante contro a poderesa posizione italiana di Monte

o lines, mentre l'artiglieria con poderos ouchi di sbarramento impedi l'arrivo i rinferzi sulla fronte austro-tedesca. I prigionieri austriaci, catturatt presso il delta del Piave, dicono che t tedeschi ai sono impossessati di tutti i Viveri trovati nella citta' di Udine, e che percio' la popolazione civile e' sot-

posta a rofferenze inaudite. Agii affamati soldati austro-tedeschi

in Roma:

Sull'altipiano di Asiago la battaglia, che leri continuo' violenta e sanguitosa durante tutto il giorno, diminui
di intensita soltanto verso sera. I
nostri contrattacent fatti parecchie
ore prima che cadesse la notte, ebbero
successo, nonostante le difficolta' del
terreno e la bassissima temperatura,
artestando il nemico e portagdo il
combattimento sulla posizioni dalle
quali noi avevamo mosso il precedente
giorno.

Il nemico difese disperatamente il

Il nemico difese disperatamente il terreno guadagnato, cercando di re-sistere ai nostri contrattacchi e con-centrando di fronte alle sue lince un formidabile fuoro di numerose batterie. Durante le vicende della fiera lotta alcune batterie e parecchie nitraglialcune batterie e parecchie mitragliatrici, che erano state lasciate nelle
linee abbandenate, furono ricuperate.
Una colonna nemica che avanzava
da Bertico attraverso le alture verso
occidente di Malga Costalunga, fu
distrutta dal nostro fuoco.
Un battaglione riusci: a strappare
al nemico ed a mantenere per qualche
tempo la sommita" di Monte Valbella,
mentre altri distaccamenti salivano
per le pendici di Col del Rosso ingaggrando col nemico, un disperato combattimento corpo a corpo, sotto la
sommita" della montagna.
Durante l'azione centinala di nostri
cannoni di tutti i calibri incessantemente bombardarone le truppo nemiche, disperdendo i concentramenti
dietro le linee e ferm indo l'avanzate
dei sostegni. Un certo numero di
prigionieri furono da noi presi.

Livonia is threatened with revolution. Students, etvillans, even army veterans are ready to overthrow the monarchy and proclaim a republic. KING FERDINAND II is at the point of death, and his grandson, PERDINAND WILLIAM OTTO.

NAND II is at the point of death, and his grandson, PERDINAND WILLIAM OTTO. (rown Prince of Livonia, is only eight years old. The time is propiltious for revoit, and the king and his CHANCELLOR METFILICH know it.

In order to suferguard the helr to the throne Lieutenant Nikky Lariscu. a young officer, is ordered to watch over fitto. Nikky is in love with HEDWIG, the Crown Prince's cousin, but her mather, ARCHDUCHESS ANNUNCATA — the grandaunt of the Crown Prince — order the two not to meet. The plans of the grandaunt of the Crown Prince — order the two not to meet. The plans of the grandaunt of the Grown Prince — order the two not to meet. The plans of the grandaunt of the January Kilaki. OF KARNIA, a neighboring kingder, and no strengthen the sufficient of the country of the Livonian than the country of the grandaunt of the January of the Livonian than the sends a code letter to Karl, telling him of the arrangements. FETER NIBIRG, a clerk, is the measurer. He is followed by HERMAN SPIER, an agent of the Karl Humbert, a clank leader of the

fallowed by HERMAN SPIER, an agent of the Revolutionists and henchman of BLACK HUMBERT, a clant leader of the enemies of the throne.

Nikky, despandent at the evil turn of his amorous fate, decides to walk if off. His stroll is interrunted by an attack upon lieutenant rushes into the frax, but is aid low by a vicious blow from Humbert.

Chapter XI-Continued

the neighborhood of the Hungaria. Those who roused grumbled about quar-

with folling eyes.

the saints be praised, found it.

"Ah!" he said and straightened up.

"After all, it is not so bad as I feared.

They got nothing."

He made a manful effort to walk, but

relsome students and slept again.

"LONG LIVE THE KING"

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LONG BEACH FAMILIES

\$378,000 Fire Visits Boardwalk Sec.

LONG BEACH, L. I., Dec. 26,-Fire

which started from a Christmas tree it a building along the boardwalk de-stroyed four buildings and caused dam-age estimated at \$278,000 here early today.

Sixteen families, occupying two of the buildings burned, were forced to brave the cold in their night clothing.

COURT STILL HOLDS FIVE LICENSE PLEAS

Delaware County Liquor Forces Expect Granting of New Applications

MEDIA. Dec. 26. - The Delaware county courts tomorrow probably will dispose of five cases involving liquor licenses, two from present holders and three new applications for the privilege

With the exception of these pilcations, which were held under ad-visement, the court disposed of the an-nual license list of the county in time gift to the lucky recipient.

Clifton Heights, and the fight was made there because of the two new applica-tions and was made to include the old licenses as well. The third application was for a hotel at Fifth and streets. Chester, there being no remon Grappa.

Ma tale avangain non pote effettuars; strance against the granting of this Beense. The courts here are against the granting of new licenses, however, tuarono I love contrattacchi lungo tutte and despite the strong plea the license. was held under advisement

For the first time in twelve years there was no remonstrance against the Buttonwood Hotel of which Andrew the remark 'no remonstrance.'

uletest in years and not even the fight usado saranno nelle pianure che giac-tono a sud delle Alpi venete.

Il Re Vittorio Emanuele ha passato il atale tra le truppe e la sun presenza on Clifton Heights furnished any thrills. V. Glipin Robinson, represent-ing the remonstrances, made his fight the arguments were largely figures showtive del soldati italiani.

Ecco si testo del compuicato ufficiale, pubblicato seri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:
In Roma:
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BARKING DOG SHMMONS AID TO DROWNING MAN

Police Extricate Victim From Icy Waters of Conestoga River

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 26.— The barks of a dog saved the life of August Ellis yesterday afternoon when in an attempt to cross the lee on the Cohes-toga River near Peoples Bridge, he broke through and was precipitated into twelve feet of water. Margaret Gainer, twelve years old, daughter of Henry D. Galnor, of Sunnyside, was attracted from the house by the barks of a dog and saw Ellis struggling in the water, cluch-ing at the edge of the ice to keep from drowning. She called to her father, who notified the police and then wen to the water's edge to make an effort to rescue the man. Her attempt proved futile and Ellis was forced to remain in the water until fifteen minutes later.

Hagerstown Fire Costs \$40,000 HAGERSTOWN, Md. Dec 26.—The Humrichhouse building, in Public square, was wrecked by fire early to-

TO FOOL UNCLE SAM

U. S. of 1,000,000 Tons of Obsolete "Tubs"

SENATE TO GET FACTS

WASHINGTON, Dec 26 The story of how certain Japanese commercial interests were foiled in a keen-witted attempt to unload on the United States Government 1,000,000 tons of old merchant shipping, at a fancy figre, will provide a sensational chapter in the Senate committee's shipping

The public may never get the com-plete history of the deal, as the State Department has clamped down the lin on certain portions which have a diplo-matic connection. Members of the Senate investigating committee are being importuned by department officials to suppress the facts. The matter prob-ably will be aired before the committee behind closed doors.

Officials today admitted that had the Tapanese ship deal gone through it would have developed a scandyl of serious proportions. Navni experts who were called to the aid of the Shipping Board, and made a survey of the tomage, which it was proposed to sell this country rep rted that the ships in question were nothing less than a lot of old "rubs" of obsolete type which Japan had virtually discarded in her race to maintain supremacy in the

Pacific The Japanese deal may be explained during the testimeny of Raymond B. Stevens, vice chairman of the Shippine Board, who has been summoned as the first witness when the committee reas embles tomorrow after the

tions was being whipped into shape by Chairman Hurley and his associates.

They were forced to forgo the Christman holiday became of Sanday mas holiday because of Senator bread. Fletcher's insistence that it is a stational on our active of black bread ing upon the proposed Japanese contracts should be before the Senate at the earliest possible moment, in order that the committee may harry its infor the day. From that time forward at

mittee had not yet voted upon the question whether the Japanese controersy will be discussed in executive Several Senators indicated that of the information bearing upon he subject may be transmitted to the ommittee in the shape of a confidential ommunication from the Shipping

STABBED WITH NAIL, DIES

Christmas Quarrel in Saloon Ends Fatally for Participant

Clyde Gibson, thirty years old, of 39 East Clapter street, Germantown, died this morning in the Methodist Hospital as a result of being stabled in the 12: as a result of being stabbed in the temple, last night, the police say, by Calvin Ellis, of 2520 South Sartain street. Gibson, after spending Christmas at his brother's home in South Philadelphia, stopped at a saleon Moyamensing avenue and Tenth, on his way cooked with the heads over and lath

A Human Story of Child-Desire, Court Intrigue and Love, the Latest Novel By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

Peter Niburg reflected. He thought the Ar through the low lands of Karnia not. "But I know why they came," he said unguardedly. "Some early morning, my friend, you will hear of a man lying dead in the street. That man will midnight by the clock in the high tower.

man on his arm migni-hidden eyes of governmens. "These are difficult times," he ven-Nihurg gave him a sidelong "Difficult, indeed," he said

This town slept on. Street brawls companion unresponsive. That, after I were not uncommon, especially in see you safely home I shall report this small matter to the police. Surely there cannot be in the city many such gorilla-as our friend with the beard and the

Perhaps two minutes later Nikky got paler, up. He was another minute in locating mered.

Peter Niburg made an inarticulate reference to a piece of slik of dertain quality and lay still. But his eyes opened slowly, and he stared up at the stars. "A fine night," he said thickly. "A very fine—" Suddenly he raised himself to a sitting poeture. Terror gave him strength. "I've been robbed." he said. "Robbed, I am ruined. I am He had stumbled on something, cursed his stupidity that it meant, far, nothing more than a mystery him. He did not pride himself on he said.

dead.

"Tut." said Nikky, mopping his cut
lip. "If you are dead, your spirit speaks
with an uncommonly lusty voice! Come,
get up. We present together a shameful

with an uncommonly justy voice! Come, get up. We present together a shameful pleture of defeat."

But he raised Peter Niburg gently from the ground and, finding his kness unstable from fright or weakness, stood him against a house wall. Peter Niburg, with rolling eyes, felt for his letter, and, the saints be praised, found it.

"Ah!" he said and "weakness, and the saints be praised, found it."

"Ah!" he said and "weakness, and the saints be praised, found it." the city. "Good-night to you." said Peter Niburg. Then, rather tardily. "And my thanks. But for you I should now —" he shrugged his shoulders. "Good-night, friend," said Nikky: "And

"Good-night, friend," said Nikky. "And better keep your bed tomorrow."

"Careful!" he said. "The colossus was doubtless the one who got us both, and we are likely to feel his weight for some time. Where do you live?"

Peter Niburg was not for saying. He would have preferred to pursue his solitary if uncertain way. But Nikky was no half Samaritan. Toward Peter Niburg's lodging, then, they made a slow progress.

"These rocent gentlemen," said Nikky all the neighborhood over carefully. He night wish to return to that house. For two hours he walked, and resumed his interrupted train of thought—past the gloomy university buildings, past the quay, where sailed the vessels that during peaceful times went slows.

But he saw that Peter Niburg kept his hand over his breast pocket.

Never having dealt in mysteries, nikky was slow at recognizing one. But, he reflected, many things were going on in the old city in these troubled days.

Came to Nikky all at once that this which sheltered it, had now destroyed these walls and filling in the weathers. which sileitered it, had now destroyed those walls and, filling in the moat, had built thereon its circling parks. And other things had changed. No longer, he reflected gloomity, did it look to the he reflected gloomity, did it took to the palace, save with tolerance and occa-sional disloyalty. The old order was changing. And, with all his hot young heart, Nikky was for the old order.

"But," said Nikky, "perhaps we fear too much. The people love the boy Prince. And without the people revolution can accomplish nothing."

"Nothing at all," assented Peter Niburg.

"I think," Nikky observed, finding his "I think," Nikky observed, finding his hard Peter Niburg shambled into his house but two hours some.

bouse but two hours gone.

The footsteps paused, hesitated, com-The footsteps paused, hesitated, com-menced a phinful struggle up the as-cent. Nikky moved behind his column and waited. Up and up, weary step after weary sten. The shadowy figure.

Perhaps two limited in locating up. He was another minute in locating will carry their insignia for some days. I have a mind to pay our debta."

Pater Niburg considered. He stopped and sorely bruised. Peter Niburg should bave been in bed. What stealthy business of the night brought him out?

Peter Niburg considered. He stopped and faced Nikky. I do not wish the politic." He said. "Perhaps I have said too little. This is a private matter. An affair of jealousy."

Peter Niburg made an inarticulate "I see!"

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"Very well." Nikky assented. But the old hymn which the little Crown of the sans to little. The chime rang out overhead the old hymn which the little Crown of the sans to little. The chime rang out overhead the old hymn which the little Crown of the sans to little. The chime rang out overhead the old hymn which the little Crown of the sans to little. The chime range of the sans to little. The chime range of the sans to little. The chime range of the night brought him out?

Peter Niburg considered. He stopped have been in bed. What stealthy business of the night brought him out?

Fortunately for Nikky's hiding place, the last step or two proved too much for the sans to little. This is a private matter. An painfully, near the top. His bead lolled forward and he supported it on two shaking hands. Thus he sat, buddled and miserable, for five minutes or there are the control of the night brought him out?

"I see"

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"I Prince so often sang to it:

"Draw me also, Mary mild, To adore thee and thy child! Mary mild.

Star in desert drear and wild." Time had gone since the old church stood in a desert drear and wild, but still its chimes rang the old petition, hour

fter hour. At ten minutes past the hour Nikky

At ten minutes past the hour Nikky heard the erigine of an automobile. No machine came in sight, but the throbbing kept on, from which he judged that a car had been stopped around the corner. Peter Niburg heard it and rose. A moment later a man, with the springiness of youth, mounted the steps and confronted the messenger.

Nikky saw a great light. When Peter Niburg put his hand to his breast pocket there was no longer room for doubt, nor, for that matter, time for thinking.

As a matter of fact, never afterward could Nikky recall thinking at all. He moved away quietly, hidden by the shadows of the colounade. Behind him, on the step, the two men were talking. Peter Niburg's nazal voice had taken on a winning note. Short, graff syllables replied. Absorbed in themselves and their business, they neither heard nor saw the figure that slipped through the colounade and dropped, a blood-curding drop, from the high end of it to the street below.

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FOXY JAPS SOUGHT KAISER SHOULD MAKE TO MAKE U.S. OFFER, GIBBONS SAYS AT BRIDGEPORT

Ship Deal Involved Sale to Then U. S. Ought to Consider Remington Arms Re Terms Generously, the Cardinal Declares

BALTIMORE, Dec. 25.—Responding to an inquiry as to what he believed the most essential thing to be done to end the war. Cardinal Gibbons sug-rested the following:

First. That the Central Powers state their aims and demands definitely and to close and make a complete clearly.
Second, That the American Govern-

ment put itself in a "receptive mood" for the "generous consideration" of such a and is succeeded by J. Q. Fin. There is to be a rearranger.

offer of a prospective German peace

Dwelling and Garage Burn HARRISBURG, Dec. 26.—Fire has destroyed a double dwelling and the ga-rage of Harvey Fortney at Whitehill. Fortney was badly burned saving an in-fant child. Six nutomobiles were de-stroyed. The loss was \$11,000.

due to the change in local m

the "generous consideration" of such a statement.

Third. That the American people prepare "to ponder over these propositions in a dispassionate and broad-minded way."

It has been rumored for weeks that the Kalser would make a Christmas peace offer, and in some quarters here it is believed the Vatican may advance information about such an offer: that it is possible, in fact, that the leading men of the Catholic Church now have knowledge of a prospective German peace offer.

Charity Ball Nets \$10,00 Ten thousand dollars was netted animeteenth annual charity ball in the Hebrew Orphans. Home held

night in Mercantile Hall. This

used to erect a school for manual

By Lieut, J. HARVEY DOUGLAS A True and Thrilling Tale of the Ra eners of a Wounded Canadian Officer Fell into the Hands of the Enemy.

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contro-tive ses. with some sort of grease, and a shaving fast. At this time we also received our ration of butter, which consisted of a very small piece of this same greasy substance used on the "Schinken." During the morning we each got a bottle of acrated water called letomade and colored either pink or yellow. We could

11 a. m.—A mug of what was sup-posed to be bouillon—a coloriess and flavoriess liquid, whose only virtue was that it was very hot. A cube of Oxo-dropped into this made a fairly decent

THE MIDDAY MEAL.

s lunch, with the addition of soup,
IN THE N-RAY ROOM
About 8 o'clock on the morning of June 5, sanitaire came for me and helped me along the hall to the X-ray noom, where a very expert run took two photographs of my arm. Later on in the morning a rubber-tired hospital He slopped and consulted his watch. The two photograp "The thought has a moral," observed fancy took him to go up the high steps in the morning a rubber-tired hospital Nikky. "Do not trust yourself out-of-doors at night."

The thought has a moral," observed fancy took him to go up the high steps in the morning a rubber-tired hospital car bearing dressings and instruments car bearing dressings and instruments was pushed into the room by an orderly, was pushed into the room by an orderly. Once there, he stood leaning against a column, looking out. The sleeping town appealed to him. Just so had it lain moved the bandages from my arm. Dr. Meyer examined the wound and muttered "achiecht (bad)"; then turned to the assistant doctor and said, "Schrei-ben Sie:" (Write!) The doctor diagben Sie:" (Write') The doctor diag-nosed my case, glancing from time to time at the X-ray photographs, while his assistant wrote down on a pad all the details which were later to be in-serted in my medical history sheet. Moodle spoke German very well and explained to me afterward that the

> splinters of bone was in a serious con-dition, and several of the tendons had been destroyed.
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> I was taken downstairs to the "plas-ter room." The doctor and his assist-ant slipped on overalla and spread sheets all over the floor. My arm was wearned in flannel and then bandages I was taken downstairs to the "plaster or room." The doctor and his assistant pilipped on overalls and spread sheets all over the floor. My arm was wrapped in fiamel and then bandages sprinkled with plaster of Paris were sprinkled with plaster of Paris were floor and a pall of water and wound dipped in a pall of water and wound from my arm until I was in a solld round my arm until I was in a solld roast from my shoulder to the tips of my fingers. During this operation the my fingers. During this operation the my fingers, but not the state of the tierman trenches, and had assistent had instructions to hold my inable to go back when the others. my fingers. During this operation the assistant had instructions to hold my hand in a certain fixed position. I think he must have been in love for his eyes wandered round the room, and I had to place my hand over his to prevent him turning my wrist out of the correct posi-

had said that the wound where

doctor had said that the wound where the bullet entered was not serious, but that three centimeters of the radius

while the plaster bandsges were being wound on, a tin can was placed being wound on, a tin can was placed over the wound. When the plaster cast was completed this tin can was witherawn, leaving a round opening for the purpose of applying dressings. I was told to go back to bed, having been given the cheerful information that I would have to carry this plaster cast around with me for two or three months. I could only lie in one position—on my back, and the continual pressure of the cast in my stomach caused me untold agony. I had no decent rest for weeks. When I got back to the ward I found the assistant doctor working on our medical history sheets. He wanted to know everything about us except whether our mothers wore false hair or mot. Moodle acted as interpreter or we would never have got through.

When he had gone our minds turned to more worldly things, Wells and I rubbed our chins, which had not folic a ragor for days, and asked. "What about it" Moodle said. "Oh, Ludwig will fix you up with a raxor and everything you weed. Have you any money?"

That's enough. Watkins, get Ludwig. "Hallain broke in with. 'You only need with graft had been a success of the first with decent in the joint. He was absolutely fawith Gray was an observer in the lint. Gray was no observer in the with Gray was placed up than the joint. He was absolutely fix with Gray was an observer in the plant of the point. He was abolitely fawith Gray was an observer in the with Gray was an observer in the plying Corps. His machine has doned with freman heads on the joint. He with Gray was an observer in the plying Corps. His machine has doned with freman heads with freman heads with freman heads with freman heads with the same had been badly broken by the fixed dressing station four medical history sheets. These were all shewn to a cherished souvenirs. Gray's leading the bear an observer in the plying Corps. While the plaster bandages were being wound on a tin can was placed over the wound. When the plaster cast

German beer wagon before the wa looked as though he had never art anywhere with more than half of original load. He grinned all over original load. He grinned all over face when Moodle poked him in the peration and told him that we no safety razors, soap, lather brushes, rors, toothbrushes, tooth pasts, b brushes and combs. He sprang me to attention, shaking all over lib jellyfish, and said, "Ja wohl, Hauptmann," and went out of the m

We knew that our first shave beautiful shave as we lay in we felt much better. He used to the officers for twenty pfennis-cents—and the men for ten pf Not long after, Ludwig reap empty-handed. Our hearts sank, produced everything we had from the depths of his trousers later on that this was an illest to which Ludwig carried on. He sold the to us at cost price and we tipped regularly. He ran a little "blind in the cellar, where he sold cognations of the comments of the cellar, where he sold cognations are the cellar than the cel "Schnappe," as he called it, at fit pfennigs for a glass about the size

mas at his brother's home in South

Philadelphia, stopped at a saleon Moyamensing avenue and Tenth, on his way
home. He ensinged in a quarrel there
with Eills, which developed into a street
inght later and ended when Eills, it is
alleged, drew a nail from his pocket and
atabled Gibson through the temple.

Eills was held without ball this morning by Magistrate Imber to await the
action of the Coroner.

Motorist Runs Down Farmer

Vineland N. J. Dec 26.—As Robert Mixner, of Atlantic City, was driving
to Vineland Monday night, a man suddenly appeared before him in the road
neng Richiand. Mixner endeavored to
stop his automobile, but did not succeed until the car had passed over the
foot traveler. The injured man proved
to be a farmer named B. Fratina. He
died shortly before midnight from a
crushed skuil.

It was coarse-grained and very sweet.
Once a week we had awful smelling fish
cooked with the heads, eyes and talls
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complete. There was no doubt about its
being fish. The trouble was that it had
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the war began. We could never eat it,
so we gave it to the Russians, who occupied the beds in the hall outside on
door. They devoured it all, poor fellows! They reminded me of the old
story of the dog which was advertised
for sale thus. Will eat anything. Very
fond of children. Instead of meat or
fish we often got a very large pancake.

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could make yourself believe that it had pital and kept all the money belocome from a cow. If you left it standing for three hours, it divided itself into
yourket and clear water. After six hours
the junket turned to a chalk-like substance. if he had any on deposit downs p. m .- Dinner, which was the same were not allowed to have more t

We stampeded to the cupboard, a some of the paper money betwee leaves of books and in other places—and waited. Presently in the police corporal and several hospital officials, but no officer, I been a bluff to make us declaration. They asked if we had than three marks spiece. We add that we had, and opened the drawour lockers for inspection. They

ALWAYS HAD A BALANCE Through an arrangement with British Government, each month a tenant was credited with sixty in forty of which were deducted for had been shot through the left and as he reached the barbed wire is of the German trenches, and had the disable to go back when the other ordered to retire. Ever since the had had his leg in plaster. I had to the ankle joint had been remove the placed of the doctors had been obliged to it again and reset it in the beauting giving him some monin the joint. He was absolutely with German hospital life.

tween us at this time.

ing Departments to facture New Machine BRIDGEPORT, Conn., The Remington Arms plant down Saturday noon for ten